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Dedicated To:

Those who earned these medals,
those who collect and preserve these medals
and to my fiancee Cathy who must share me with the latter group.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this book is to provide a complete listing of Wisconsin Military and Civil Medals and Decorations. Hopefully the publication of this book will bring any unlisted Wisconsin medals to light and I request anyone with any additions or corrections to these listings to please contact me. The gaps in the numbering system of this catalog are intentional so that new listings may be added without the need to renumber the already existing listings. In the future as unlisted medals are reported I plan to issue update pages which may be added if one cuts off the binding of this catalog, punches three holes in the left margin and mounts the pages in a folder which I can provide along with the update pages at a price to be determined in the future. Interested persons will be notified if they send a stamped self addressed postcard to:

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State Issues Excluding Campaign Medals

1 WISCONSIN MEDAL OF HONOR, 1982, gold and silver, about 87x116mm, suspended on a red, white and blue neck ribbon. Made by Erf-meyer & Son of Milwaukee, two medals were made, the first is on permanent display at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the second is on display in the State Capitol Building's GAR Museum.

Obverse: enameled state seal within a silver laurel wreath. Above the wreath is a silver ribbon inscribed with the word "VALOR". The entire design is mounted on a radiant gold sunburst with an eagle at the top.

5 WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD LONG SERVICE MEDAL, bronze uniface six arm cross 41mm, suspended by ribbon from an ornamental bronze brooch 40x17mm inscribed "LONG SERVICE WIS. NAT'L GUARD."

Ribbon: red and yellow with two light blue edge stripes.

Awarded from 1903-1955 for 15 years service. From 1955-1973 for 10 years service and since 1973 in ribbon form only.

A small bronze diamond shaped ribbon attachment indicates an additional five years of service. A silver attachment indicates twenty-five years.

Variations
A)Bronze medal and brooch on a three piece ribbon, each of the colors being a seperate piece of cloth
B) Bronze medal and brooch on a one piece ribbon
C) Bronze medal and brass brooch on a one piece ribbon

10 KING MEDAL, bronze, silver plated bronze and gold plated bronze versions each 32mm in diameter, awarded until 1931 and again in the years 1942-1945 to the State Guard. Awarded for one, three and five consecutive years of perfect armory and camp attendance. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, New Jersey.

Obverse: portrait right, legend "WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD" and "GENERAL CHARLES KING" below the portrait in smaller letters.

Reverse: inscription "PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE" within a laurel wreath.

Ribbon: red, white, yellow and red stripes divided by dark blue stripes all of equal width.

General King is considered one of the Wisconsin National Guard's founding fathers and was also the only man to serve in both the Civil and First World Wars.

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15 WRITE MEDAL, bronze 32mm, awarded until 1955 after which only ribbons were awarded. Awarded to enlisted personnel for one year of perfect attendance. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of New Jersey. Subsequent awardings are indicated by a small bronze diamond shaped ribbon attachment for each additional year and a silver colored diamond shaped attachment for every five years.

Obverse: portrait left, legend "WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD" and "CAPTAIN WALTER H. WRITE" below the portrait in smaller letters.

Reverse: inscription "PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE" within a laurel wreath.

Ribbons: red, white, yellow and red stripes each divided by dark blue stripes, all of equal width.

Capt. Write was the first Wisc. National Guardsman to be killed in action during World War II on Dec. 24, 1941 at Bataan.

W.N.G. RIBBON ONLY AWARDS

20 RECRUITING BAR, since 1947 for four or more enlistees during one calendar year. Four equal colors: yellow, blue, red, yellow. Ribbon attachments: small bronze diamond for each additional award, silver for five awards.

21 EMERGENCY SERVICE RIBBON, since 1982 for service of three or more consecutive days of state active duty. Five equal colors: reddish orange, gold, lavender, gold, reddish orange. Ribbon attachments: small Arabic numerals indicate the number of awards.

22 EISENHOWER TROPHY UNIT CITATION, since 1982, blue ribbon with five narrow stripes: blue, white, red, white, blue set off by two very thin white stripes. Ribbon attachments: bronze and silver diamonds, bronze for each additional award, silver for five aditional awards.

23 BERLIN CRISIS RIBBON, for 1961 federal call up. (Same design as used by many states.) Red ribbon with blue edges. In the center are four narrow white stripes divided by three narrower blue stripes. Mounted across the center is a bronze attachment 24x4mm inscribed "BERLIN CRISIS."

30 MARKSMAN QUALIFICATION, Army Course circa 1880-1900, bronze bar 57x10mm, similar to the regular army issue but substituting "WISCONSIN" in place of "MARKSMAN."

POST 1906 AWARDS AS DESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS.

35A MARKSMAN ARMY COURSE, bronze bar inscribed "WISCONSIN" from which is suspended by chain, a silver bar inscribed "MARKSMAN."

35B SHARPSHOOTER ARMY COURSE, bronze bar inscribed "WISCONSIN" from which is suspended by chain, a silver bar inscribed "SHARPSHOOTER" from which is suspended by chain, a cross with a ring target center.

35C EXPERT ARMY COURSE, silver bar inscribed "WISCONSIN" from which is suspended by chain, a silver bar inscribed "EXPERT" from which is suspended by chain, a cross with a ring target center.

40A MARKSMAN QUALIFICATION COURSE "C", circa 1900-1917, bronze bar 50x12mm, similar to the regular army issue but with the addition of "WIS." on a small apron to the bottom of the bar.

40B SHARPSHOOTER COURSE "C", similar to marksman

40C EXPERT COURSE "C" similar to marksman

45 DISTINGUISHED MARKSMAN CROSS, silver 38mm, suspended by chains from a silver bar brooch 38x12mm, engraved "STATE TEAM".

Obverse: dark blue enamel letters "WNG" (Wisc. Nat. Guard) on the three upper arms of the cross. The center disc has three blue enamel figures of shooters in the standing, kneeling and prone positions. Legend "DISTINGUISHED MARKSMAN" in silver letters on a blue enamel background.

Reverse: engraved "O.E. RINGELTAUBE Co. A. 2nd Inf. W.N.G. 1906."

State records confirm that Oscar E. Ringeltaube of Marshfield did qualify as a distinguished marksman and was on the state team in 1906.

50 DISTINGUISHED MARKSMAN CROSS, circa 1914, silver 40mm.

Obverse, blue enamel letters "WNG" on the three upper arms of the cross. The center disc has two blue enamel figures of shooters in the kneeling and prone positions. Legend "DISTINGUISHED MARKSMAN" in silver letters on a blue enamel background.

Reverse: blank with a suspension bar.

60 PISTOL PRACTICE SECOND PRIZE, 1904 bronzed brass cross 35x35mm upon which are mounted two crossed pistols which are silver in color. The cross is suspended by chain links from two bronze bars 32 and 36mm wide. The top bar also serves as the brooch.

Obverse: engraved legend starting at the top "WISCONSIN SECOND PRIZE PISTOL PRACTICE TROOP A 1st WIS. CAR." (The "CAR" is an engraver's error and should be CAV.)

Reverse: engraved "C.W. WALTER CAMP DOUGLAS 1904."

Troop A was the only cavalry troop in the Wisconsin National Guard until 1916. This very elite Milwaukee unit was formed in 1880 as the Milwaukee Light Horse Squadron and was the only national guard unit in Wisconsin supported by the dues of it's members which exceeded their pay.

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65 NATIONAL MATCH WISCONSIN TEAM MEDAL, 1914, silver 32x58mm. Only 15 of these medals were made by the Louis Esser company of Milwaukee. The oval medal is suspended by chains from an ornamental brooch with the inscription "WISCONSIN TEAM 1914."

Obverse: a standing shooter framed by an arched ribbon inscribed with the words "NATIONAL MATCH."

Reverse: engraved "PRESENTED TO KLEMENS BORUCKI ARTIFICER Co K 1st Inf. WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD".

MARKSMANSHIP AWARDS mentioned in various W.N.G. Adjutant General Reports

75 FALK MEDAL, CIRCA 1905-07 for highest skirmish score. Details unknown.

76 ZWIETUSCH MEDAL, circa 1905 for higgest aggregate slow fire score. Details unknown.

77 WISCONSIN MEDAL, circa 1905, for highest 300 and 600 yard slow fire score. Details unknown.

78 BADGER MEDAL, circa 1905-1911, for highest 200 and 500 yard slow fire score. Details unknown.

79 GOLD MEDAL of the Wisconsin National Guard Officers Association, circa 1906-1908, for the highest aggregate score. (After 1908 this award came in the form of a gold pocket watch.) Details unknown.

80 HOLWAY DIAMOND BADGE, circa 1905-1913 for the officers' competition estimating distances. details unkown.

81 HOLWAY DIAMOND MEDAL, 1913-1923, Details unknown, the medal was awarded annually to the person making the highest aggregate score in rapid fire at all distances in competition at Camp Williams. The medal was presented by the Brigadier General Orlando Holway, the Adjutant General from 1 October 1913 until 3 February 1923. This medal has been retired.

82 BOARDMAN MEDAL, 1931-1941, statistics uncertain, probably at least 43mm in diameter, ribbon with yellow center flanked by red and blue edge stripes the red on the outside.

Obverse: a gold eagle superimposed on a red enamel eight pointed star with golden rays in the angles. At the top is a small oval gold colored laurel wreath. The entire badge is mounted within a laurel wreath upon which two vertically upright rifles are mounted so as to flank the badge. At the bottom is a double ribbon (probably enameled) inscribed "BOARDMAN MEDAL."

The Boardman Medal was presented by the Wisconsin Commandry, Military Order of Foreign Wars, and was named after Brigadier General Charles R. Boardman the Ajutant General from 1897 to 1913, and the first commander of the 64th Brigade. It was in the form of the insignia of the military order of Foreign Wars with rifles and wreath added and issued in 2 gold medals. One medal had the names of the winners suspended from it on bars. The other was awarded to the winner. The Boardman Medal was awarded annually to the person making the highest aggregate score in competition at Camp Williams for places on the State rifle team. It became the permanent property of any person winning it three times.

95 1901 COMPANY E: silvered bronze 38x57mm, uniface,maker unknown.

Obverse: badger and ribbon suspended from a crossed rifles brooch. Inscription "1901 WISCONSIN PRIZE COMPANY." The company letter E is mounted on the top of the ribbon above the badger.

WISCONSIN PRIZE COMPANY BADGES:

90 1898 COMPANY A: silvered bronze 41x55mm, uniface, maker unknown.

Obverse: crossed rifles superimposed on a badger and ribbon. Inscription "1898 WISCONSIN PRIZE A COMPANY." Suspended from a brooch in the form of a ribbon with the monogram "U of W" (University of Wisconsin) showing how closely the Univ. Corps of Cadets was related to the national guard.

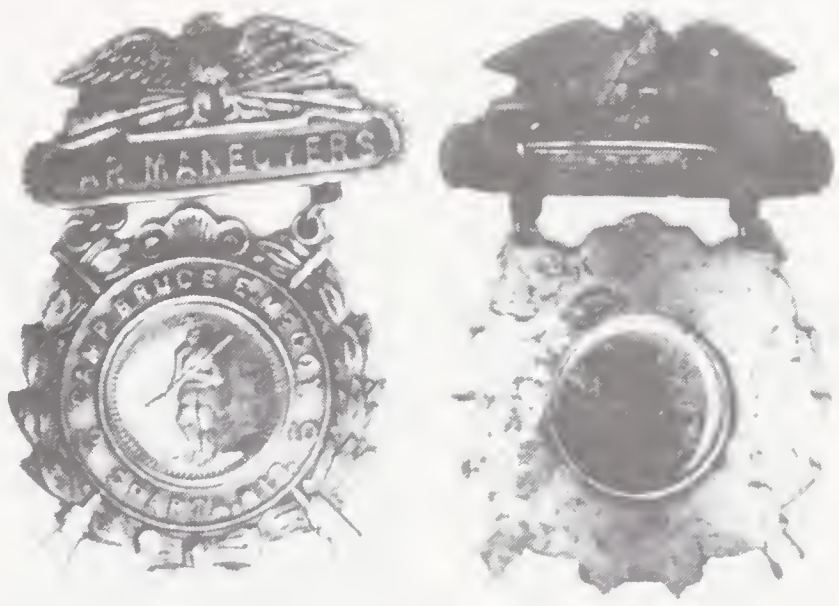
101 1907 COMPANY A: silvered bronze 38x57mm, uniface, maker unknown.

Obverse: badger and ribbon suspended from a crossed rifle brooch. Inscription "1907 WISCONSIN PRIZE COMPANY." The company letter A is mounted in the bottom angle of the crossed rifles of the brooch.

110 ATHLETIC PRIZE MEDAL, 1919-1941, sterling silver, rectangular 17.5x29mm, made by Josten's of Owatonna, Minn.

Obverse: a runner in the starting position above a laurel wreath containing the red arrow symbol of the 32nd division and the legend "W.N.G. FIELD DAY CAMP DOUGLAS."

Reverse: engraved with the event for which the medal was awarded, in this case "100 YD DASH."



120 WAR MANEUVERS souvenir badge, 1910, silver washed bronze, badge and brooch assembly 37x58mm. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: an 18mm gold plated medallet portraying a soldier with a rifle is encased in a circle inscribed "CAMP BRUCE E. McCOY 1910 SPARTA, WIS." The entire design rests on two crossed rifles and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: the Lord's Prayer in tiny letters.

120 Brooch: an eagle perched on crossed rifles and swords above the words "WAR MANEUVERS."

Note: this badge was not an award but rather a commercially produced item for sale to participants who wanted a souvenir.

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125 FIRST INFANTRY 40 CONSECUTIVE DRILLS MEDAL, copper 29x59mm, made by Bunde and Upmeyer of Milwaukee circa 1880. An ornamented square cross design suspended by chain from a brooch consisting of an eagle and crossed rifles on a rectangular frame.

Obverse: Wisconsin state coat of arms in the center. Inscription "40 CONSECUTIVE DRILLS 1st Inf. W.N.G."

Reverse: blank with hallmark.

128 FIRST INFANTRY Company G keychain pendant or watch fob, bronze 24x45mm, made by the Lincoln Manufacturing Works Boston.

Obverse: five line inscription "Co. G 1st WIS. INFANTRY."

Reverse: checkered design with rectangular hallmark at top.

135 WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD veterans badge, shield shaped nickel plated bronze, 34x45mm, unifaee pin back.

Obverse: an engraved eagle perched on top of the shield above the inscription "CHAS. M. ROSS, La Crosse, Wisc. Co. M, 3 INF. WISC. N.G." which inturn is above two crossed rifles, an American flag and the date July 13, 1899.

Since the date has no historical importanee I assume that it is the date that Ross either joined or retired from the guard.

145 MARSHFIELD GALLERY PRACTICE MEDAL. 1906, real gold, 38x74mm, 18.4 grams.

Obverse: a yellow gold dise with the engraved monogram "CoA"(Company A) encased in a circular collar and wreath. The collar has the inseription "GALLERY PRACTICE 2nd Regt. W.N.G. " in black enamel letters. The medal is suspended by gold chains from a gold brooch in the form of a heraldie eagle perched on crossed rifles. Suspended from the trigger guards ol the rifles by smaller gold chams is a small gold eneased black and white enamel target.

Reverse: blank.

This is a unique privately sponsored award for indoor marksmanship with .22 cahbre rifles and was won by Oscar F. Ringelhaupt in 1906 as confirmed in the Marshfield News of Aug. 16, 1906

140 FIRST LIGHT BATTERY members badge, real gold and black enamel cannon wheel suspended from a gold cannon brooch. Total size 26x31mm, total weight 5.14 grams. Made between 1885 when the unit was founded and 1906 when Federal law required all gold products to carry a fineness or quality stamp. Made by Bunde and Upmeyer of Milwaukee.

Obverse: legend on the wheel "FIRST LIGHT BATTERY W.N.G." crossed ramrods at the bottom divide the mitials W.N.G. from the rest of the legend. A red stone is set in the wheel's hub

Reverse: blank except for a "B&U" hallmark in the center

150 TOMAH HONOR FOUR NUMBER 3 gold marksmanship prize medal, 1887. Gold, 14 karat 30.4mm, 4.12 grams, design and inscription on both sides completely engraved.

Obverse: eagle perched on a laurel wreath and crossed rifles above a WNG monogram (Wisconsin National Guard.) Inscription "HONOR FOUR No 3, Co. K, 3rd REG."

Reverse: a coiled ribbon inscribed "WON IN COMPETITION MAY 28th '87."

To celebrate their third anniversary Tomah's Company K of the Wisconsin National Guard regiment number three, invited the Mauston Light Guards (Co. D, 3rd regt.) to a marksmanship competition which consisted of three events: 200 yards off-hand, 500 yards prone and 50 feet indoors. Since no records concerning this medal can be found it must be assumed that it was planned to present a medal to the top shooter in each event. The 200 yard event ended in a two man tie score thereby resulting in four medals being awarded for three events. This may explain the "HONOR FOUR No. 3" inscription.

State Guard and other branches: Local Issues

160 MILWAUKEE JOURNAL STATE GUARD RIFLE TEAM medal, 1946, bronze 32x37mm suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a bronze brooch in the shape of a double ribbon. The top ribbon is engraved "STATE GUARD." The lower ribbon is inscribed "WISCONSIN" in raised letters. On the ribbon are two bronze bars, on the upper bar is the word "THIRD" and on the lower bar the word "TEAM."

Obverse:(of the medal) has an intricate design which includes an eagle on a U.S. shield with an extended wing above the incuse date of 1946. The date in turn is above a tombstone shaped outline containing two crossed rifles below a bull's-eye target. Along the bottom rim is the incuse inscription "THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL."

Reverse: blank

165 MILWAUKEE JOURNAL MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:
A) Wisconsin Army National Guard 1964-1982.
B) U.S.Army Reserve 1964-1982.
C) Wisconsin Air National Guard 1972-1982.
D) U.S. Marine Corps Reserve 1972-1982.
E) U.S. Air Force Reserve 1972-1982.
F) U.S. Naval Reserve 1972-1982.
G) U.S. Coast Guard Reserve 1972-1982.

Each medal is gold plated bronze, about49mm in diameter and encased in lucite block76x76mm and 25mm thick, mounted on an oak pedestal with the awardee's name, rank and branch of service. Made by Effmeyer & Son of Milwaukee.

Note: design may have varied from year to year, but in 1966 the following design was awarded.

Obverse: shoulder length soldiers portrait left. Legend above "FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT" and "U.S. ARMY RESERVE" below.

Reverse: star at the top, "PRESENTED BY THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL TO" in raised letters and the rank, name, unit and date engraved in three lines below.

175 MINUTEMEN OF '61 veterans badge, a bronze and blue enamel shield 30x34mm suspended from a rectangular brooch 37x7mm with black enamel lettering.

The shield has a landscape scene with an armed citizen running in response to his nation's call to arms. A drum on the ground is inscribed "APRIL 15, 1861."

The brooch has a two line inscription within an ornamental border. The upper line is the volunteer's name and the lower line is the unit he served in.

A red, white and blue forked ribbon is suspended from the brooch so as to hang behind the shield.

This badge is named to August F. Mueller of Company H, first regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers. The first regiment was a ninety day enlistment regiment of ten companies filling Wisconsin's quota of volunteers called for by President Lincoln in his proclaimation of April 14, 1861. Company H was formerly known as the Milwaukee Riflemen of the state militia. August F. Mueller reenlisted in Co. A twenty-sixth regiment as a first lieutenant.

180 COMPANY B, ELEVENTH INF reenlistment cross, 1864, silver five armed cross pattee on a wide loop. Presented to Company B on February 13, 1864 in recognition of the company's unanimous reenlistment.

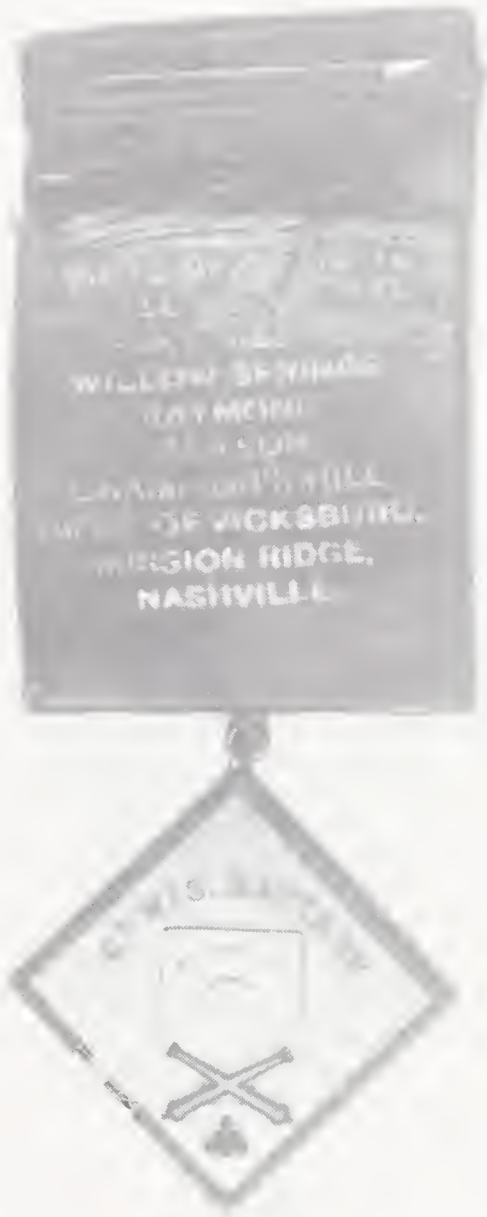
Obverse: entirely engraved design. Wisconsin coat of arms in the center circle. Each arm has a rope like ornamental border enclosing the inscription beginning on the top arm and reading clockwise. PRESENTED TO COMPANY B ELEVENTH REGIMENT WISCONSIN VETERAN VOLUNTEERS BY COL. C.L. HARRIS FOR THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM MANIFESTED IN THEIR UNANIMOUS REENLISTMENT AS VETERANS."

190 IRON BRIGADE veterans badge, five armed cross pattee of blackened iron, 36mm, uniface, suspended with a red ribbon from a copper brooch 38x8mm.

Cross obverse: USV monogram (U.S. Volunteers) in the center circle which is within a larger circle containing the words "IRON BRIGADE." Each of the arms of the cross is inscribed with one of the brigades five regiments. (2nd, 6th, 7thWisconsin, 19th Indiana and the 24th Michigan.)

Reverse: Blank. Some with the makers name in weakly struck tiny letters "G BRACKMAN/MAIDEN LANE/NEW YORK." Pieces with makers name are of slightly better quality and maybe earlier issues than those without.

The brooch has a raised rim framing two straight tamed branches tied together at the center with a bow tied ribbon.



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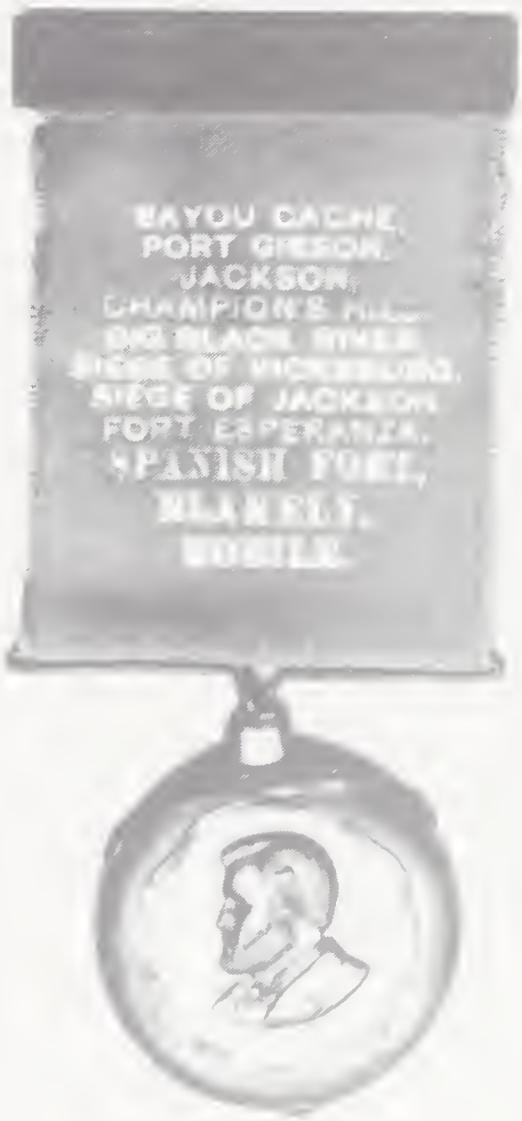
SIXTH WISCONSIN BATTERY veterans badge, diamond shaped copper square, 43mm, uniface, suspended with a red ribbon from a copper brooch 44x8mm.

Badge obverse: "6th WIS. BATTERY" arched above a cartridge box which is above two crossed cannons which are above six stacked cannon balls, all within a rope border.

The ribbon is inscribed with the unit's battle honors in gold letters.

The brooch has an ornamental rope border framing the large arrow insignia of the Seventh Army Corps.



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ELEVENTH WISCONSIN VOLUNTEERS veterans badge, canteen shaped copper badge, 35mm, suspended with a light blue ribbon from a copper brooch 48x9mm.

Obverse: portrait of General, latter President Grant in civilian clothing facing left within the coiled canteen strap.

The reverse features the rounded cross insignia of the Sixteenth Army Corps.

The ribbon is inscribed with the unit's battle honors in gold letters. The brooch has a raised rim framing the inscription "11th WISCONSIN VOLS."

210 BERDAN'S SHARPSHOOTERS (Company G) veterans badge: copper cross, 40mm, suspended with a dark green ribbon from a copper brooch 38x8mm.

Cross obverse: crossed rifles over a laurel wreath which contains the legend "BERDAN'S U.S. SHARPSHOOTERS", four corps symbols and three stars at the bottom.

Cross reverse: blank, engraved "C.A. STEVENS."

The brooch has a raised border framing the star divided dates 1861*1865.

Berdan's Sharpshooters, Sept. 23, 1861 to Sept. 22, 1864, was an organization of two regiments of "tried marksmen" with at least one company from each of the loyal states. Company G was Wisconsin's company. The only way to determine the company of origin is by checking the engraved name against muster rolls. Records show that Charles A. Stevens, sergeant was promoted to second lieutenant July 29, 1862, first lieutenant Sept 26 1862 and was wounded at Cold Harbor June 3, 1864. The unit was mustered out Sept 22 1864 and Stevens reenlisted with company D of the 49th Wisconsin infantry regiment.

215 SECOND WISCONSIN "ladder" type veterans badge, four uniface nickel plated bronze bars, 53x18mm. Each bar is stamped with blackened numbers and letters in this case telling us that the orginal owner was a member of Company H, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry regiment.

The top bar serves as a brooch from which a blue background ribbon is suspended.

Wisconsin had 52 infantry regiments of 10 companies each—potentially 520 badge variations.

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220 FIRST WISCONSIN CAVALRY "ladder and shield" type veterans badge, a nickel plated bronze shield 31x38mm. The inscriptions tell us that the orginal owner was a member of Company D of the First Wisconsin Regiment of Vilunteer Cavalry.

It is interesting to note that it is historically possible that the orginal owner of this badge may have participated in the capture of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Wisconsin had 4 cavalry regiments of 12 companies each—potentially 48 badge variations.

Spanish-American War

225 WISCONSIN SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 33mm, made by the Louis Esser Jewelry company of Milwaukee.

Obverse: an eagle perched on war trophies with "WISCONSIN SOLDIER" above and "WAR WITH SPAIN" below in the center within a semi-circle of thirteen stars.

Reverse: Wisconsin coat of arms in the center above the date and between two curved laurel branches.

This medal was issued in 1917 only to those Wisconsin veterans who because they were not ordered over seas did not qualify for the federal serviee medal.

Mexican Border Duty

230 WISCONSIN MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 34mm, made by Louis Esser Jewelers of Milwaukee.

Obverse: three palm trees in a desert landscape. Legend "WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD BORDER SERVICE."

Reverse: a large star between two laural branches and above the dates 1916-1917.

230 Ribbon type A: bright red stripe flanked by a light green and a white stripe on each side. Type B: rose color center stripe on a dark green ribbon with lemon yellow edge stripes.

The reason for the color variation is unrecorded in all official records that I have seen. Type A is common, type B is rare.

The medal was issued in 1917 to the Wisconsin National Guardsmen who served on the Mexican border from June 22, 1916 to Jan. 19, 1917 as part of a national call up to prevent Mexican revolutionaries and bandits from raiding U.S. border towns.

235 EAU CLAIRE MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL,silver washed bronze, 42mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a plain rectangular silver washed bronze brooch, 38mm wide. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle perched on a ribbon inscribed "U.S. NATIONAL GUARD." above the eagle is the inscription "MEXICAN BORDER DUTY." At the bottom is the Wisconsin coat of arms within a circle. The entire design rests on three radiant arms and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: seven line inscription "MEMBER OF COMPANY E 3rd WISCONSIN PRESENTED BY CITIZENS OF EAU CLAIRE, WIS. DEC. 1916." Company roster lists 86 men.

240 MENASHA-NEENAH MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, silver washed bronze, 42mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a rectangular silver washed bronze brooch 38mm wide made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle perched on a ribbon inscribed "U.S. NATIONAL GUARD." The inscription above the eagle is "MEXICAN BORDER DUTY." At the bottom is the Wisconsin coat of arms with in a circle. The entire design rests on three radiant arms and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: eight line inscription within a laurel wreath, "PRESENTED BY THE CITIES OF MENASHA-NEENAH TO MEMBERS OF COMPANY I. 1st WIS. INFTY. JAN. 30, 1917." Company roster lists 91 men.

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245 MILWAUKEE MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, silver washed bronze 42mm, suspended on a dark blue ribbon from a plain rectangular silver washed bronze brooch 38mm wide. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle perched on a ribbon inscribed "U.S. NATIONAL GUARD." The inscription above the eagle is "MEXICAN BORDER DUTY." At the bottom is the Milwaukee city seal. The entire design rests on three radiant arms and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: five line inscription within laurel wreath "PRESENTED BY CITIZENS OF MILWAUKEE 1916." Company roster lists 924 men.

250 NEENAH-MENASHA MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, silver washed bronze 42mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a rectangular silver washed bronze brooch 38mm wide. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle perched on a ribbon inscribed "U.S. NATIONAL GUARD." Inscription above the eagle "MEXICAN BORDER DUTY." At the bottom is the Wisconsin coat of arms within a circle. The entire design rests on three radiant arms and a laurel wreath

Reverse: eight line inscription within laurel wreath "PRESENTED BY THE CITIES OF NEENAH-MENASHA TO MEMBERS OF COMPANY I 1st WIS. INFTY. JAN. 30, 1917."

Brooch: privately engraved "DICK F. JAGERSON CAMP WILSON." Company roster lists 91 men.

255 OCONTO MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL,silver washed bronze, 42mm, ribbon and brooch unknown. The only example known to this cataloger illustrated above, features a rectangular loop at the top instead of the ring hole usually found on this type of medal. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle perched on a ribbon inscribed "U.S. NATIONAL GUARD." Above the eagle is the inscription "MEXICAN BORDER DUTY." At the bottom is the Wisconsin state coat of arms within a circle. The entire design rests on three radiant arms and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: seven line inscription within a laurel wreath, "PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF OCONTO TO MEMBERS OF COMPANY M, 2nd WIS. INFTY. MARCH 6, 1917." Company roster lists 81 men.

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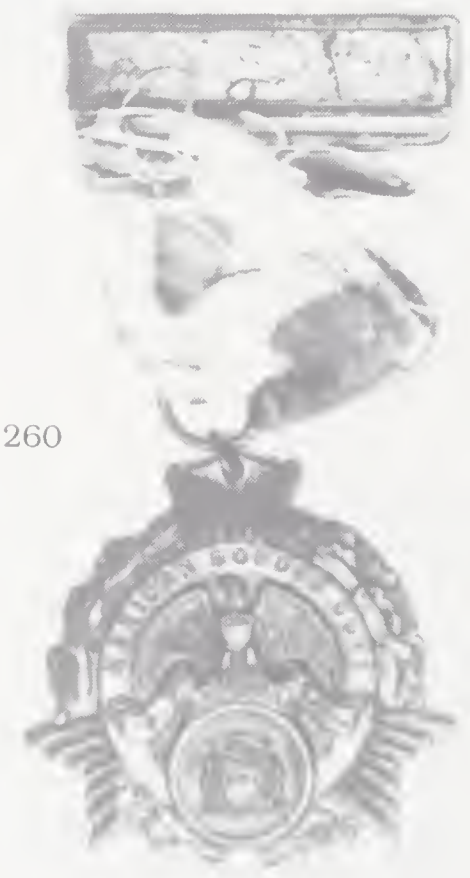

260 OSHKOSH MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, silver washed bronze 42mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a plain rectangular silver washed bronze brooch 38mm wide. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle perched on a ribbon inscribed "U.S. NATIONAL GUARD." Above the eagle is the inscription "MEXICAN BORDER DUTY." At the bottom is the Wisconsin state coat of arms within a circle. The entire design rests on three radiant arms and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: eight line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE CITIZENS OF OSHKOSH TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FIELD STAFF, NON COM. STAFF AND Co's B. AND F. 2nd. INFANTRY, W.N.G. 1917." Company roster lists 222 men.

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265 RIPON MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, silver washed bronze 42mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a rectangular silver washed bronze brooch 38mm wide, inscribed "D 2nd WIS." Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle perched on a ribbon inscribed "U.S. NATIONAL GUARD." Above the eagle is the inscription "MEXICAN BORDER DUTY." At the bottom is the Wisconsin state coat of arms within a circle. The entire design rests on three radiant arms and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: seven line inscription within a laurel wreath "PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF RIPON TO MEMBERS OF COMPANY D 2nd WIS. INFTY. MARCH 16, 1917." Company roster lists 89 men.

270 SHEBOYGAN MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, known to exist, similar to other Schwaab Mexican Border Service types.

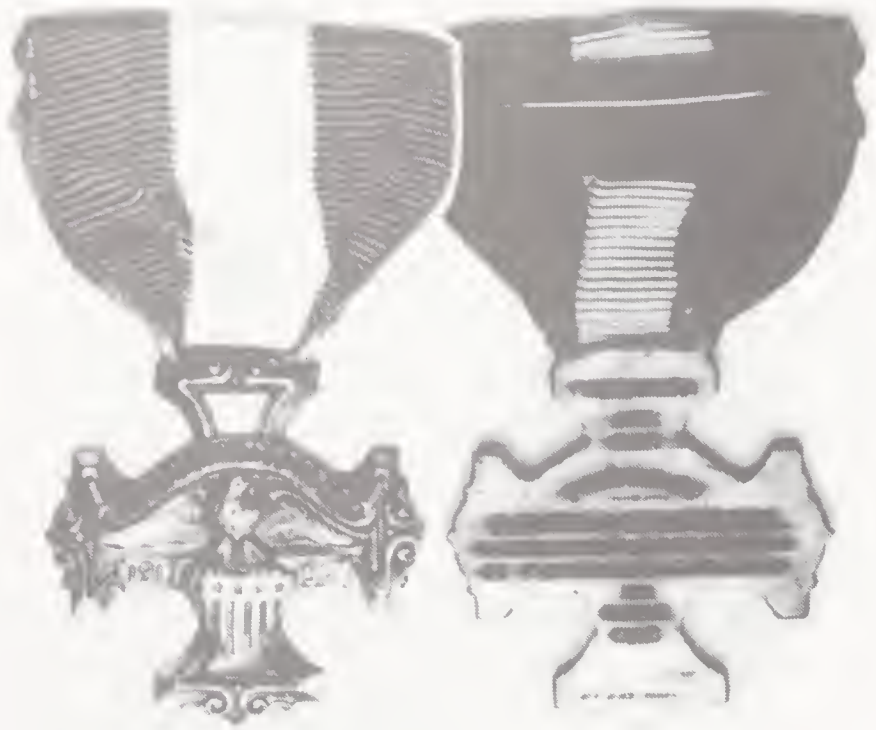
275 WAUSAU MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE MEDAL, known to exist, similar to other Schwaab Mexican Border Service types.

World War I

280 ASHLAND WORLD WAR I SERVICE CROSS, bronze 37mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle perched on a U.S. shield between the dates 1917 1918. Above the eagle is a ribbon inscribed "UNITED STATES FORCES."

Reverse: Ashland city seal in the center with inscription above and below. Ten line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE OF ASHLAND, WISCONSIN IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION FOR PATRIOTIC SERVICES IN WORLD WAR



285 BAYFIELD COUNTY WORLD WAR I SERVICE CROSS, bronze 37mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle perched on a U.S. shield between the dates 1917-1918. A ribbon above the eagle is inscribed "UNITED STATES."

Reverse: ten line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE OF BAYFIELD COUNTY, WIS. IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICES IN WORLD WAR."

290 BEAVER DAM WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 32mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a bronze brooch consisting of a beaver on a log inscribed with the town name. Probably made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: a standing eagle similar to the eagle on a walking liberty half dollar. The eagle stands on top of a U.S. shield facing left. Above is the inscription "THEY DID NOT PASS."

Reverse: city seal on two sprigs of laurel at the bottom. Above is a ten line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF BEAVER DAM, WIS. TO THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS THAT SERVED IN WORLD WAR. SEPT. 1st, 1919 BY F.J. MIRLACH, MAYOR, Wm.A. GERGEN, CITY CLERK."

295 FLORENCE COUNTY WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 38mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a 38mm wide bronze brooch issued as a blank rectangular frame design. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a soldier and sailor with rifles at the ready advancing to the left behind a defensive eagle perched above a ribbon inscribed "WORLD WAR SERVICE."

Reverse: nine line inscription "PRESENTED BY FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE TO ITS WAR HEROES OF 1917-1919 FOR VALIANT SERVICE RENDERED FLORENCE, WIS."

300 FOND DU LAC COUNTY WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL,bronze 32mm, suspended on a multi-color "victory" ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: standing eagle on U.S. shield facing left. Above is the inscription "THEY DID NOT PASS." At the lower left are the dates 1917 and 1918.

Reverse: county seal on two laurel sprigs at the bottom below six line inscription "PRESENTED TO ___ BY THE CITIZENS OF FOND DU LAC COUNTY WISCONSIN IN GRATEFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD WAR."

305 GRAND RAPIDS (WISCONSIN RAPIDS) WORLD WAR I SERVICE CROSS, bronze 37mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle perched on a U.S. shield between the dates 1917-1918. A ribbon above the eagle is inscribed "UNITED STATES FORCES."

Reverse: city seal in the lower center dividing the eleven line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GRAND RAPIDS, WISCONSIN THROUGH THE COMMON COUNCIL IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICES IN THE WORLD WAR."

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310 GRANT COUNTY WORLD WAR I veterans badge and brooch assembly 37x45mm, bronze. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: and 18mm gold plated medallet portraying a soldier with a rifle is encased in a bronze circle inscribed "WORLD WAR VETERAN." The entire design rests on two crossed rifles and a laurel wreath.

Reverse: Lord's Prayer on the medallet in tiny letters.

Brooch: eagle on crossed rifles and swords above the words "GRANT COUNTY."

315 GREEN BAY WORLD WAR I "Called to the Colors" medal, bronze 34x45mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a plain bronze brooch 38mm wide. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: an eagle perched on a U.S. shield with the red, white and blue colors actually painted in. The shield is in an open laurel wreath. The ribbon in the eagle's beak is inscribed "CALLED TO THE COLORS." The date "JUNE 5th, 1917" is in the fields below the wings.

Reverse: five line inscription "PRRESENTED BY THE CITIZENS OF GREEN BAY, WIS. U.S.A."

316 GREEN BAY WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL,bronze 32mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle standing on top of a U.S. shield facing left. Inscribed above the eagle is "THEY DID NOT PASS." The dates 1917 and 1918 are at the lower left.

Reverse: city seal on two laurel sprigs at the bottom below the five line inscription "PRESENTED TO _____BY THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, WIS. IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE IN THE WORLD WAR."

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320 IRON COUNTY, HURLEY WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 32mm, suspended on a multi-color "victory" ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle standing on top of a U.S. shield facing left. Inscribed above the eagle is "THEY DID NOT PASS." At the left are the dates 1917 and 1918.

Reverse: county seal on two laurel sprigs at the bottom below the seven line inscription "PRESENTED TO _____BY IRON COUNTY, HURLEY, WIS. IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE IN THE WORLD WAR."

325 JEFFERSON WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 38mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a 38mm wide bronze brooch which is engraved "BAT. G. 332 ART." Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a soldier and sailor with rifles walking left. At the right a defensive eagle is perched on a U.S. shield. At the bottom is a ribbon inscribed "WORLD WAR SERVICE."

Reverse: eight line inscription "PRESENTED TO *JOHN J. KOCI* BY THE CITY OF JEFFERSON, WIS. FOR VALIANT SERVICE RENDERED OUR COUNTRY." Note the name of the recipient is engraved

330 KEWAUNEE COUNTY WORLD WAR I SERVICE CROSS, bronze 36mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from an ornamental bronze brooch 44x11mm, engraved with the name "REINHARD H. STUEBS." Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle in the center perched on top of the Kewaunee County seal. A ribbon above the eagle is inscribed "WORLD WAR SERVICE."

Reverse: twelve line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY OF KEWAUNEE IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE RENDERED DURING THE WORLD WAR 1917-1918."

335 KIMBERLY WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 35mm, three ring suspension, ribbon and brooch unknown.

Obverse: enameled U.S. shield above a seven line inscription all within a laurel wreath. The second line of the inscription was blank so that a name could be engraved there. The seventh line is illegible in my photo. The first six lines of the inscription are "PRESENTED TO __ BY THE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE KIMBERLY WISCONSIN."

Reverse: six line inscription "IN COMMEMORATION OF YOUR SERVICES FOR OUR COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WAR."

340 NEW LONDON WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 32mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle standing on top of a U.S. shield facing left. Inscribed above the eagle is "THEY DID NOT PASS." Dates 1917 and 1918 at left.

Reverse: city seal on two sprigs of laurel at the bottom below the five line inscription "PRESENTED TO ___ BY THE CITY OF NEW LONDON, WIS. IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE IN THE WORLD WAR."

345 OCONOMOWOC WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 32mm, ribbon and suspension unknown. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: standing eagle on a U.S. shield facing left. Above is the inscription "THEY DID NOT PASS." At the lower left are the dates 1917 and 1918.

Reverse: nine line inscription "PRESENTED TO ____ BY THE CITY OF OCONOMOWOC WIS IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE IN THE WORLD WAR 1917-1918." all within a circular ribbon design

350 RACINE WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 38mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a 38mm wide bronze brooch. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee.

Obverse: a soldier and sailor marching to the left. At the right a defensive eagle is perched on a U.S. shield. Below is a ribbon inscribed "WORLD WAR SERVICE."

Reverse: five line inscription "PRESENTED FOR VALIANT SERVICE RENDERED OUR COUNTRY. BY THE CITY OF RACINE." Above a name space.

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355 SAUK COUNTY WORLD WAR I SERVICE CROSS, bronze 36mm, suspended on a multi-color "victory" ribbon from an ornate bronze brooch 44mm wide. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle in the center perched on the Sauk county seal. A ribbon above is inscribed "WORLD WAR SERVICE."

Reverse: twelve line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY OF SAUK IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE RENDERED DURING THE WORLD WAR 1917-1918." A gold star fixed to the ribbon indicates a posthumous award.

360 STANLEY WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 32mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle standing on top of a U.S. shield facing left. Above is inscribed "THEY DID NOT PASS." At the lower left are the dates 1917 and 1918.

Reverse: the Wisconsin state seal on two laurel sprigs at the bottom below the six line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF STANLEY, WIS. IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICES IN WORLD WAR."

365 TREMPEALEAU COUNTY WORLD WAR I SERVICE CROSS, bronze 36mm, suspended on a multi-color "victory" ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: an eagle perched on a U.S. shield in the center between the dates 1917 and 1918. The ribbon above is inscribed "UNITED STATES FORCES."

Reverse: the county seal in the upper center on two palm branches above a blank name space. The county seal is positioned in such a way that it is read as part of the inscription including the county seal "PRESENTED BY THE CITIZENS OF TREMPEALEAU COUNTY WISCONSIN TO ___IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE IN THE WORLD WAR."

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370 WISCONSIN RETAIL LUMBERMANS ASSOCIATION WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 43mm suspended on a multi-color "victory" ribbon. Made by Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, N.J.

Obverse: a heraldic U.S. eagle in the center within the inscription "UNITED STATES FORCES 1917 1918," the entire design rests on eight radiant arms.

Reverse: eleven line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE RETAIL LUMBERMANS ASSOCIATION TO ___IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE RENDERED DURING THE WORLD WAR 1917-1918."

A gold star fixed to the ribbon indicates a posthumous award.

375 THIRTY-SECOND DIVISION (Red Arrow) World War I SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 36mm, nonportable medal lacking any form of suspension since it was not intended to be worn. Examples of this medal found on ribbons are private alterations. Made by Bunde and Upmeyer Co. of Milwaukee.

Obverse: U.S. eagle above a pedestal between the Wisconsin coat of arms on the left and the divisional insigma on the right. The pedestal is inscribed "VETERAN WORLD WAR 1917-1918."
Reverse: eight line inscription "TO ___FROM THE MOTHERS OF THE 32nd DIVISION IN APPRECIATION OF HEROISM AND SACRIFICE JUNE 6th 1919."

380 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN WAR SERVICE lapel button, shield shaped bronze, 17x20mm, screw back.

Obverse: letter "W" in a circle nearly enclosed from below within a curved ribbon inscribed "UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN." At the bottom are the words "WAR SERVICE." All superimposed on a U.S. shield.

Reverse: incuse serial number.

385 WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF DEFENSE World War I member's lapel badge number 1248. Screw back, bronze 17.6X19.8mm.

Obverse: Wisconsin state coat of arms at top. Legend in center and on ribbon border design, "WISCONSIN 1917 COUNCIL OF DEFENSE."

Reverse: Incuse serial number.

The Wisconsin Council of Defense was part of a national organization which eventually evolved into the Civil Defense we know today. During WWI it's main concerns were the promotion of efficiency in agricultural and industrial production, transportation and maintaining a current inventory of food stuffs and supplies available to the nation.

390 WISCONSIN LOYALTY LEGION World War I member's lapel badge, bronze pin back, 18mm uniface.

Obverse: U.S. coat of arms in the center. Legend, "WISCONSIN LOYALTY LEGION."

The Wisc. Loyalty Legion consisted of local groups chartered by the Wisc. Council of Defense and primarily concerned itself with soliciting war funds, handing out patriotic literature, rallying public support for the war effort and reporting cases of suspected disloyalty.

395 KENOSHA COUNTY WORLD WAR II SERVICE MEDAL, bronze 25x45mm, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon from a rectangular bronze brooch inscribed with the word "VICTORY."

Obverse: an eagle loop at the top. Below a female figure supporting a U.S. shield with her right hand and holding a laurel wreath in her extended left hand which is over an airplane and a battleship.

Reverse: six line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE CITIZENS OF KENOSHA COUNTY TO THEIR LOYAL VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II JULY 4, 1946."

Kenosha County had 8,108 residents in service during WWII of which 151 died while in service.

400 MANITOWOC COUNTY WORLD WAR II SERVICE MEDAL, gilded basemetal 30mm, non portable medal not intended to be worn.

460 Obverse: a defiant eagle holding a U.S. flag while perched on top of the Manitowoc County seal. Along the edge of the medal are the words "VICTORY PEACE HONOR GLORY."

Reverse: small U.S. shield above an eight line inscription "PRESENTED TO OUR LOYAL VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II BY THE CITIZENS OF MANITOWOC *1946* COUNTY."

Manitowoc County had 6,492 residents in service during WWII of which 131 died in service.

Civil Awards

450 KENOSHA: S.S. WISCONSIN RESCUE MEDAL, 1929, bronze 41.5mm, cross shaped, suspended on a red, white and blue ribbon. Made by the Greenduck company of Chicago. Number of medals awarded: 32.

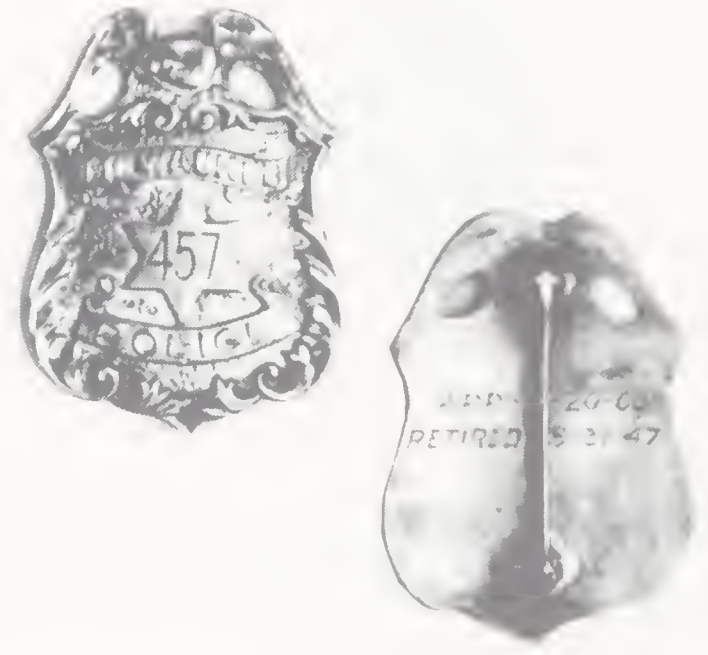
Obverse: scene depicting the sinking S.S. Wisconsin with a crowded rescue boat in the foreground. All within a lifesaver inscribed "S.S. WISCONSIN." Superimposed over the top of the lifesaver is an eagle with a laurel branch. On each of the arms are two crossed telescopes.

Reverse: eleven line inscription "PRESENTED BY THE CITIZENS OF KENOSHA, WIS. IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC SERVICES RENDERED IN THE RESCUE WORK DURING THE SINKING OF THE S.S. WISCONSIN OCT. 29, 1929." A laurel branch fills in the area above the tenth line.

500 MILWAUKEE: Police presentation badge, undated, sponsored by the American Legion Veterans Association, sterling silver, 29.6x39.8mm, 18.70 grams. Made by F.J.Teleman of Milwaukee.

Obverse: shield shape with eagle perched on top. American Legion insignia in the center. "MILWAUKEE" inscribed on the ribbon above and "POLICE" on the ribbon below

Reverse: blank with hallmark in upper center.



510 MILWAUKEE Police presentation badge 1947, silver, 29.6x40mm, 14.79 grams.

Obverse: shield shape with eagle perched on top. Six pointed star with the number 457 in the center. "MILWAUKEE" inscribed on a ribbon above the star and "POLICE" on the ribbon below.

Reverse: engraved in two lines "APP-8-20-08 RETIRED—8-31-47."

520 MILWAUKEE Police presentation badge 1927, white gold badge with a yellow gold inlay around a 1/10 carat diamond. The badge is 27x33mm, in diameter and weighs 8.47 grams.

Obverse: "MILWAUKEE POLICE" in raised letters above the diamond and "DETECTIVE" below.

Reverse: engraved "PRESENTED TO JOHN ALBERT BY HIS FRIENDS FOR 22 YEARS SERVICE DEC. 7-1905-DEC. 7-1927."

600 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.* Company Competition Cross 1923. uniface bronze 30mm, suspended on a red ribbon.

Obverse: Univ. of Wis. Corps of Cadets emblem in the center dividing the date 19-23. The words "COMPANY" above and "COMPETITION" below.

Reverse: blank.

*Also see numbers 90 and 380.

530 MILWAUKEE Fire Department presentation badge 1929, gold 14 karat, 22x30mm badge with a 1/4 carat diamond set in the top center. Total weight 10.17 grams.

Obverse: a radiant eagle with a diamond on it's breast above a circular design within a laurel wreath. A United States coat of arms is at the bottom. Inscription in raised letters "FIRE DEPARTMENT MILWAUKEE" around the incuse, black enameled inscription "ASS'T. CHIEF."

Reverse: seven line engraved inscription "PRESENTED TO JOHN McCARTHY BY MEMBERS OF ENGINE CO. 20 and TRUCK CO 2. JUNE 15th 1907-1929." Hallmark "14k" below the clasp at bottom.

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